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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING ALKALINE SPHINGOMYELINASE FOR USE
AS A DIETETIC PREPARATION, FOOD SUPPLEMENT OR
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 10, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-24.

Add the following new claims:

--25. (new) A method for the prevention and/or treatment of disorders connected
with intestinal development, cancerous processes, disorders of the immune response,
inflammatory and apoptotic processes of the intestine and its associated structures,
disorders connected with cholesterol synthesis, disorders due to the hydrophobic nature
of the surfaces of the gastrointestinal tract, allergic disorders of the gastro-intestinal tract,

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